

Class Updates - 27.09.2024

Reception Butterflies update



Another busy week in Butterflies class has flown by!

The children have been learning new sounds 'i, n, m, d' and revisiting last week's sounds 's, a, t, p'. They have been blending together their sounds to read words like 'mat', 'sip', 'dip' etc.



In Maths we have been sorting and comparing, looking at which groups have more and few objects. We have also taken a trip to Ten Town and met King One! He is helping us with number formation.



We have been talking about ourselves and what makes us special and different. We have shared lots of stories about this topic including 'Super Duper You!' by Sophie Henn and 'What makes me, me?' by Ben Faulks and David Tazzyman. We are working on self portraits, using paint and charcoal pencils.



We had lots of fun in Forest School exploring the outdoor environment and making hedgehogs from lavender scented playdough.



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Marks and Miss Brighten



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds class have all worked really hard this week in maths. They have been using less than, greater than and equal to in words and symbols (<, >, =) to compare numbers within 10. In English, they have created their own colour monster, thinking carefully about the colour and the emotion it represents and similar words related to it. In RE, everyone had a go at making a story wheel, highlighting the creation story and the order in which everything was made. In forest school they made hedgehogs out of play dough, twigs, lavender and seeds.

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Caterpillars,

Well done on another busy yet productive week!

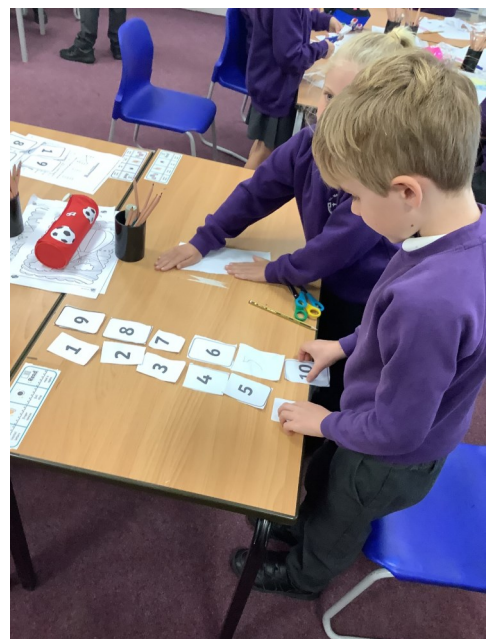
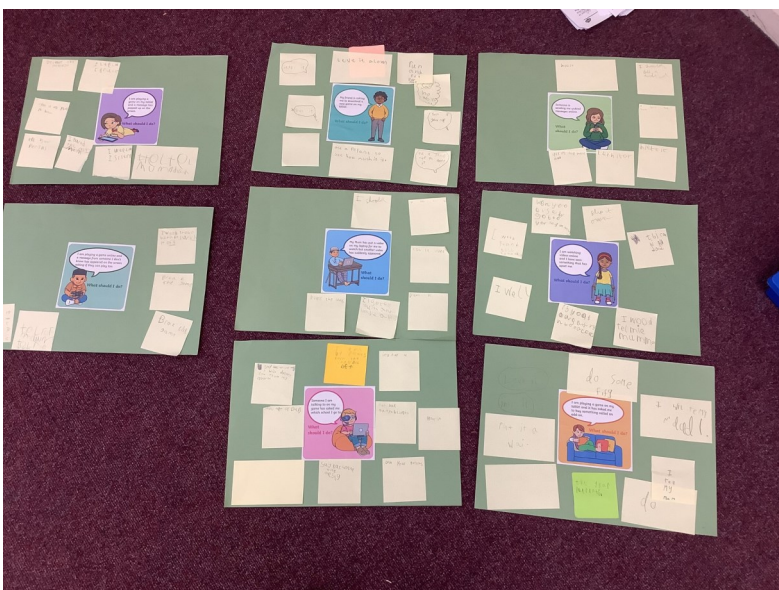
This week, in maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge of place value. The children have been focussing on partitioning numbers into tens and ones. I have been very impressed with the knowledge the children are displaying during our lessons.

In English, we have been focussing on description of settings and characters. The children have used adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add description. Throughout the week, they have created some fantastic pieces of work with an excellent choice of Year 2 vocabulary.

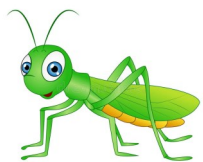
Finally, in French, we were learning about the colours. We matched the colours to the English name and even learned a song to help us remember them.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



This week in Maths, we have been focusing on ordering and comparing numbers using place value to 1000 (and in some cases to 10 000). The class have picked this up really quickly and confidently using the skills taught.

In English, we read a book called Doodleday. In the story, Harvey draws on Doodleday and all his drawings come alive. We used this as inspiration for our writing, with a focus on use of interesting adjectives and verbs.

In History, we looked at the process of mummification (including the gory aspects). As part of the session, the class got into groups and have 5 minutes to turn one classmate into a mummy. In Science, we did an experiment to test which surface created the most friction causing the car to move more slowly or not at all.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

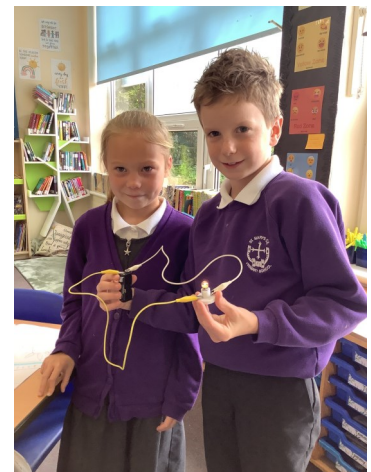
There have been lots of hands on, practical activities in Fireflies this week. In preparation for our Harvest Festival church service, we created a veritable banquet of produce including pumpkins, tomatoes, carrots and leeks. We even made some sunflowers to brighten up our 'Harvest table'.

In Science we were constructing simple circuits using two batteries, a bulb and two wires. We learnt how to draw our circuits using the appropriate symbols for each part.

Ms Thomas made her first visit this year, introducing Fireflies to The Toot. We made a great start, comparing our instruments to a flute, building on the notes learnt in Year 3, showing how to position fingers properly and reading notes on a stave.

In Art, the Fireflies took their first steps in creating their 3D comedy/tragedy masks. They worked in pairs to Papier-mâché a balloon which will form the base of their designs. It was an arduous task that required patience and perseverance—just as well that's this term's school value!

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss Humphreys



Year 5 Busybees Update



Well done Year 5 for another full week of learning! In Art, the children experimented with different ways to create a background with paint. This is to help them with their final astronaut picture that they are creating. In RE, we delved deeper into our big question and whether the Creation story and Science are conflicting or complementary. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000 in maths and in English we have been planning our own non-chronological reports about aliens.

In PSHCE the children have been talking about where they feel comfortable in school and have taken some nice photographs of their safe spaces—see below. In geography we've been learning about similarities and differences between Essex and the Alps! We've looked at some awe—inspiring videos and photos of the Alps. In science we've been learning about night and day and the rotation of the earth.

Unfortunately our girls football tournament was cancelled this week, which was a shame for many of the girls (not all of them!).



***Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and
Ms Brighten***



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dragonflies have had a fast-paced week this week, where we stormed through learning decimal multiplication and then how to find the percentage of any number! Now, we've looked at every question they get in their math Monday homework, so they should hopefully be able to have a go at them all! If your child is finding one tricky, they can always come in and ask the Year 6 team for a bit of extra help on that question.

In English, the children have done wonderfully on their non-chronological reports, where we've been writing about dragons! I've been extremely impressed by the children's imagination and how well they've remembered our lessons on formal language.

We also had a great time in our Art lesson this week; we had a play around with paints to try to recreate Lowry's colour palette! The children were given the responsibility to get the paints; ensure there were enough pots and brushes; and in all the clear-up at the end. I don't think I've had a Year 6 class who worked so efficiently and sensibly!

Dragonflies also had a really fun time in our Science this week too—we had a game where the children created their own animals with different traits and saw how long they survived when the habitat kept changing! We realised that evolution is all about changing and being suited to your habitat. Can your child remember some traits of the camel that made it suited to its desert habitat?

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

